

help of some local and very dedicated baseball buffs—was successful in bringing the Vermont Reds to Burlington. This AA-league team thrilled baseball fans—young and old, who watched them play at Centennial Field, which boasts a grandstand that is the oldest complete grandstand structure in use in Minor League Baseball. We watched Barry Larkin, Jeff Montgomery, Rob Dibble, Chris Sabo, Paul O'Neill and Norm Charlton play for the Vermont Reds. These fine athletes later went on to become the core of the 1990 World Champion Cincinnati Reds. Larkin won the National League MVP Award in 1995 and O'Neill won four more World Series rings with the New York Yankees. The Reds eventually left, to be replaced by the Vermont Mariners, and Vermont spectators had the thrill of watching certain Hall-of-Famer Ken Griffey Jr. speed around the bases as he played for our new team.

When the Mariners left, the Single-A Expos took their place; when Montreal's franchise moved to Washington, the Expos became a Washington Nationals farm team and were renamed the Vermont Lake Monsters. Today, the Lake Monsters fill the stands during the summer months, as baseball fans come to watch America's pastime in picturesque surroundings.

It is worth celebrating this quarter-century of baseball in Burlington, as Centennial Field has been called home by some outstanding players and amazing Minor League teams. Apart from those I have already mentioned—many of our players continued their careers in the Big Show. The scenic setting, the welcoming stands, the fan-based promotions, and of course the thrill of professional baseball all combine to make this a great family-friendly arena. Throughout the years, more than 2 million fans have enjoyed rooting for the home team.

As mayor of Burlington, my work was centered on building civic life and creating a vital community. Baseball proved to be an excellent catalyst for bringing people together and helping to foster a greater sense of community. Perhaps Minor League Baseball would be taken for granted in a big State or a big city, but in Burlington, VT, it is cherished by many. It is a source of pride to me that, working with a citizens committee led by local businessmen, I was able to bring Minor League Baseball to Vermont and that it has continued to thrive in the quarter of a century since.

As we look for a new dawn in this time of economic difficulty, the past 25 years of professional baseball in Burlington are a shining example of how important community-based activities are, and how much they can enrich a city and a State.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITE, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of White, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding.

White was founded in 1884 as a railroad town and named after the original owner of the townsite, W. H. White. The community has a strong, patriotic history, beginning with many original settlers who had served in the Civil War. During World War I, a Red Cross chapter was formed, and children sold Liberty Bonds. World War II saw scrap drives in the town to collect any useful materials for the war effort.

The White Area Historical Society, founded in 1983, owns the Afton Township No. 15 Schoolhouse, a log cabin from Oak Lake Township now on the museum site, and the museum itself, which is the former Methodist Church. It carries on the colorful stories of White for the future generations to reflect on their heritage and strong history.

The citizens of White will be celebrating the town's anniversary during the annual White Pioneer Days with a parade, chili cookoff, arm-wrestling tournament, and entertainment for all ages. I am proud to join with the community members of White in celebrating the last 125 years and look forward to a promising future. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1275. An act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1945. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2965. An act to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution supporting National Men's Health Week.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1275. An act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1945. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution supporting National Men's Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2282. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Limitation on Procurements on Behalf of Department of Defense (DFARS Case 2008-D005)" (RIN0750-AG24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2283. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Lead System Integrators (DFARS Case 2006-D051)" (RIN0750-AF80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2284. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Commercial Items (DFARS Case 2008-D011)" (RIN0750-AG23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2285. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a Selected Acquisition Report relative to the Average Procurement Unit

Cost for the H-1 Upgrades Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2286. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Post 9/11 GI Bill" (RIN0790-AI43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2287. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the National Guard Challenge Program for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2288. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Nancy E. Brown, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of Vice Admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2289. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization Validated End-User: List of Approved End-Users and Respective Eligible Items for India" (RIN0694-AB65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2290. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2291. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2292. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((74 FR 28627) (Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2293. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2294. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Medicaid Integrity Program Report for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2295. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service and designation of an acting officer for the position; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2296. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guarantee Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2297. A communication from the Director of Legal Affairs and Policy, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability and Official Status of the Compilation of Presidential Documents" (A.G. Order No. 3036-2009) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2298. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Santa Clara, California, as a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2299. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of The American Legion as of December 31, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2300. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs—Hospital Care and Medical Services in Foreign Countries" (RIN2900-AN07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 8, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-53. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee urging Congress to extend the deadlines for all phases of the States' implementation of the REAL ID Act for at least an additional 2 years, or preferably, repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005 in its entirety; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 285

Whereas, the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-12, creates a national identification card by mandating federal standards for state driver's licenses and identification cards and requires states to share their motor vehicle databases; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act mandates the documents that states must require to issue driver's licenses and requires states to place uniform information on every driver's license in a standard, machine-readable format; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing information on every American that is accessible to all motor vehicle employees and law enforcement officers nationwide and that can be used to gather and manage information on citizens; and

Whereas, in addition to being terrible public policy, the REAL ID Act places a costly,

unfunded mandate on states, with initial estimates for Tennessee of more than one hundred million dollars, plus the additional burden of millions of taxpayers dollars in ongoing annual expenses, and a national estimate of more than eleven billion dollars over the five years following its implementation; and

Whereas, in these dire economic times, the massive costs that will be incurred by Tennessee, and other states, in implementing the REAL ID Act are especially onerous; and

Whereas, by December 1, 2014, Americans who are fifty (50) years of age and younger will be required to present REAL ID-compliant identification to board commercial aircraft and to access certain federal facilities; by December 1, 2017, all state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards must be REAL ID-compliant; and

Whereas, the deadline for the initial implementation of the REAL ID Act has already been extended for all fifty (50) states from May 11, 2008 until December 31, 2009: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate Concurring, That in light of the recessionary nature of our economy at this time and the many budgetary hardships being faced by state governments, this General Assembly hereby memorializes the United States Congress to extend the deadlines for all phases of the states' implementation of the REAL ID Act for at least an additional two (2) years, or preferably, repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005 in its entirety. Be it further

Resolved, That we strongly urge and encourage each member of Tennessee's delegation to the U.S. Congress to exert the full measure of his or her influence to accomplish the actions delineated in the first resolving clause. Be it further

Resolved, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

POM-54. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take actions as are necessary to create a national catastrophe fund; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

Whereas, the hurricane seasons of 2004, 2005, and 2008 were startling reminders of both the human and economic devastation that hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters can cause; and

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund is a comprehensive, integrated approach to help better prepare and protect the nation from natural catastrophes, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, snowstorms, and earthquakes; and

Whereas, the current system of responses to catastrophes leaves many people and businesses at risk of being unable to replace what they lost, wastes tax dollars, increases insurance premiums, and leads to shortages of insurance needed to sustain our economy; and

Whereas, creation of a federal catastrophe fund would help stabilize insurance markets following a catastrophe and help stabilize insurance costs for consumers while making it possible for private insurance to be written in catastrophe-prone areas; and

Whereas, a portion of the premium collected by insurance companies could be deposited into such a fund which could be administered by the United States Treasury and grow tax free; and